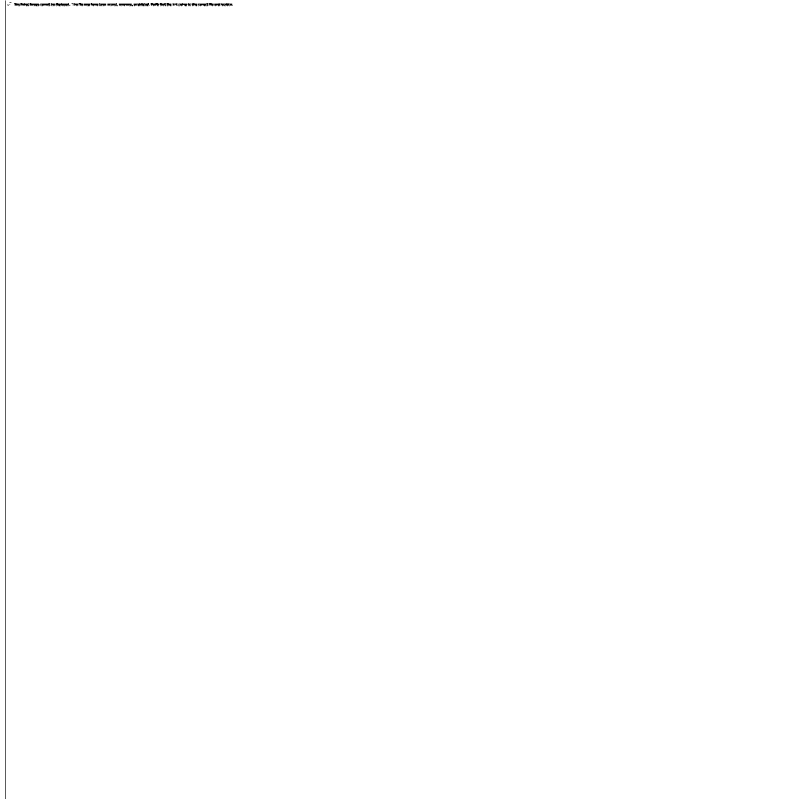
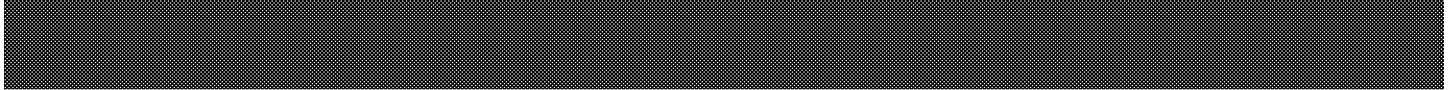


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By Sei Chong

Week in Review

Tariffs and budget

- President Donald Trump unveiled a \$60 billion package of tariffs on Chinese-made goods, including electric and other "new-energy" vehicles. The Trump administration is expected to present a list of specific products subject to the duties in the next two weeks, which will be followed by a public comment period.

- Robert Lighthizer, the U.S. trade representative, told the Senate Finance Committee that the European Union, Argentina, Australia, Brazil and South Korea would be excluded from the Trump administration's tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.
- A government shutdown was averted when Trump signed into law an omnibus spending bill, which rejected the Trump administration's proposed cuts for the Environmental Protection Agency's funding.

Scrutiny over travel costs

- EPA documents requested by House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) revealed \$68,000 in previously undisclosed travel costs for Administrator Scott Pruitt from August to February, which included first-class flights. The EPA said the higher costs were related to increased security for Pruitt because of the threats he has received.
- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and his wife took a security contingent with them when they went on vacation in Greece and Turkey last year, according to documents the agency made public via a Freedom of Information Act request. Zinke did not handle government business during the two-week vacation, but Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift said U.S. Park Police officers accompanied Zinke because of concerns about security threats in the region.

Oil

- Trump's decision to replace Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster with John Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, as his new national security adviser has increased the chances that the United States will abandon the Iran nuclear deal as it nears a May 12 deadline to waive oil-related sanctions on Tehran, according to analysts.
- Oil and gas drillers bid on 1 percent of Gulf of Mexico leases offered in what the Interior Department billed as the largest offshore oil and natural gas lease sale in U.S. history. Winning bids averaged \$153 an acre, 35 percent below levels last year, according to the data.
- The Bureau of Land Management sold all 43 plots in Utah, including areas near the original boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument, that were available in an online auction for

oil and gas leases. The auction of more than 51,000 acres, which generated more than \$1.5 million in projected revenues, didn't include any of the land that recently lost monument status at Bears Ears.

- Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said in an interview that members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will need to continue to work with Russia and other non-OPEC allies on supply cuts in 2019 to push down global oil inventories to desired levels.
- Saudi Arabia is looking to list the state-run oil giant Aramco at home next year while weighing a decision whether to move forward with an international offering, according to government officials and others close to the process.

Climate change

- An increase in global energy demand, driven by greater consumption in China and India, led to a 1.4 percent increase in carbon dioxide emissions last year, the International Energy Agency said. The growth in carbon dioxide emissions in 2017 "tells us that current efforts to combat climate change are far from sufficient," said Fatih Birol, IEA executive director.
- The United Nations' World Meteorological Organization said in its annual report on the global climate that the last three years were the hottest on record and that heat waves in Australia, unusual warmth in the Arctic and water shortages in Cape Town, South Africa, are extending harmful weather extremes in 2018.
- The nation's first court hearing on the science of climate change was held in a San Francisco federal court, where U.S. District Judge William Alsup listened to lawyers for the cities of San Francisco and Oakland and for five of the world's largest oil and gas companies present a tutorial on global warming science. The cities are suing the oil companies, contending that they are liable for damages linked to climate change.

What's Ahead

- Both the House and Senate are in recess. The two chambers will return the week of April 9.
- Energy Secretary Rick Perry is scheduled to testify before the House Energy and Commerce's Energy Subcommittee on April 12. The subcommittee is also expected to hear from all Federal Energy Regulatory Commission members on April 17.
- The House Energy and Commerce's Environment Subcommittee will hear from Pruitt on the EPA's budget request on April 26.
- The EPA is scheduled to hold a listening session for its proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan in Gillette, Wyo., on March 27.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

MONDAY

Platts North American Digital Commodities Summit	7 a.m.
Sustainable Water Management Conference	7:30 a.m.
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers' International Petrochemical Conference	7:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Sustainable Water Management Conference	7 a.m.
California Solar Power Expo	7 a.m.
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers' International Petrochemical Conference	8:30 a.m.
EPA listening session on proposed repeal of Clean Power Plan	9 a.m.

American Association of Petroleum Geologists Global Super Basins Leadership Conference	6 p.m.
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California Solar Power Expo	8 a.m.
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Sustainable Water Management Conference	8 a.m.
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U.S. Energy Association brown bag lunch on integrating intermittent renewables	12 p.m.
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EESI and National Association of State Energy Officials briefing on public/private drive toward resilient buildings	12 p.m.
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THURSDAY

American Association of Petroleum Geologists Global Super Basins Leadership Conference	6 a.m.
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FRIDAY

No events scheduled

New Report: The Future of Retail

Insights into how consumers are reacting to changes in the retail industry, and what they're looking for in the future.

Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

1) Pruitt Expected to Limit Science Used to Make EPA Pollution Rules
Scott Waldman, Robin Bravender, E&E News

2) Superfund, Water Infrastructure See Funding Bump in Omnibus
Dean Scott and Rebecca Kern, Bloomberg BNA

3) Scott Pruitt, Trump's Rule-Cutting E.P.A. Chief, Plots His Political Future
Coral Davenport, The New York Times

4) Scott Pruitt Will End EPA's Use Of 'Secret Science' To Justify Regulations
Michael Bastasch, Daily Caller

5) Hurricane Harvey's toxic impact deeper than public told
Frank Bajak, The Associated Press and Lise Olsen, Houston Chronicle

6) Congress closes in on massive spending bill
Sarah Ferris et al., Politico

7) Trump prepared to hit China with \$60 billion in annual tariffs
Damian Paletta et al., The Washington Post

8) Self-Driving Uber Car Kills Pedestrian in Arizona, Where Robots Roam
Daisuke Wakabayashi, The New York Times

9) Companies Seeking Reprieve From Steel Tariffs Get Ground Rules
Jennifer A Dlouhy, Bloomberg

10) Ryan Zinke defends use of 'konnichiwa' comment to Japanese-American congresswoman
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